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### Citizens' group meets this Mon.

Hancock County Citizens in Action will host an open meeting this Monday at 5:30 at the Coast Electric Annex, 302 Main St., Bay St. Louis. The public is invited to learn how to participate in the recovery effort.

### Shamrockers to meet Thursday

The SHAMROCKERS will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the VFW Post 3253 home on Third St. in Bay St. Louis. Please attend because plans and preparation for St. Patrick's Day are on the agenda. RSVP to Randolph Bourgeois at 263-7878.

### Coleman Ave. Market to begin

The first business back on Coleman Avenue in Waveland is an open-air market. Fresh produce and home made goodies will be some of the items for sale. The market will open each Saturday, beginning Jan. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 301 Coleman Avenue. Many of the old Farmers' Market sellers will be there. Vendor positions are also available to artists, painters, potters and anyone with home-made products for sale. Come visit on Saturday or call Joan Coleman, 363-1759.

### Debris removal

Commercial Property Owners may qualify for debris removal from the Corps. Right of Entry may be filled out at the Hancock County Complex, 3068 Longfellow, BSL Building Permit Trailer # 15.

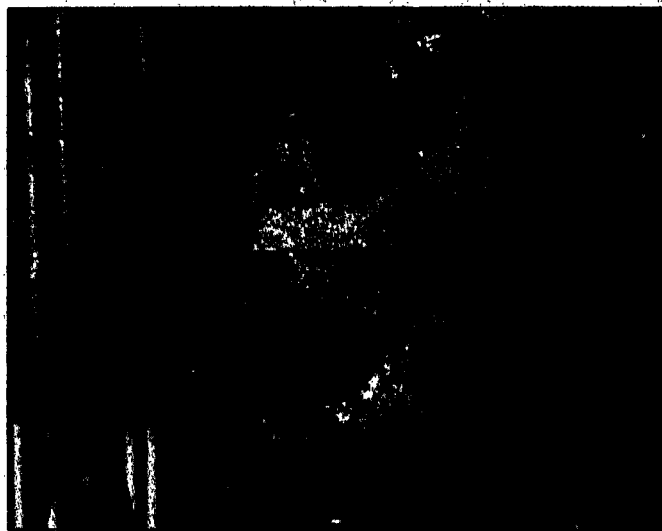
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# Party Gras



Hurricane Katrina may have been the most devastating natural disaster in U.S. history, but it can't stop Mardi Gras in Hancock County. The I-10 Welcome Center is now hosting its annual display of Carnival regalia by local designer Carter Church; and the Waveland Board of Aldermen on Wednesday approved the Krewe of Nereids' request to roll on Feb. 19 beginning at 1 p.m.



## A day in the life of a debris hauler

BY JAMIE ARREXI  
Contributing Writer

Four and half months after Hurricane Katrina hit, debris is still being collected. Those who do the collecting spend long, hard days picking up the pieces of shattered homes and lives.

With the start of each day, all

employees must check with their companies for where to go. Most companies have the area mapped out and divided. Then crews of four to five people are sent to begin the day's work.

Most crews work all day. Some

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## Taylor: Storm grants will help too few

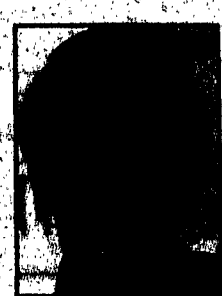
Says 51-percent damage clause will leave many in the cold

BY DWAYNE BREMER  
Staff Writer

A few short weeks ago, Gov. Haley Barbour announced his plans to assist coast residents by using CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) to help homeowners who lived outside the flood zone and did not have flood insurance.

The plan came about after the wind vs. water debate left coast residents wondering whether they would be compensated for losses.

The money was secured last month, as part of the 82 billion dollars in aid from the federal government that President George Bush said last week has already begun making it's way to Louisiana and the Coast. The CDBG plans call for homeowners that sustained flood



*'Most homes that were outside the flood plane were not completely destroyed, but there was still a lot of damage. If someone had 10, 20, or 30 percent damage that could be thousands and thousands of dollars. To someone on a fixed income, \$50,000 dollars is an awful lot of money.'*  
—Gene Taylor

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James Ferrelle, a contract debris hauler, stares out over acres of the remnants of Hancock County homes last week at a debris collection site.

Photo by Ralph Braseth

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Neighbors at the corner of Herlihy and Olivari streets in Waveland group by a campfire to get out of their trailers. Photo by Brandon Ross

## Waveland residents rally 'round the campfire to help cope with Katrina

BY BRANDON ROSS  
Contributing Writer

"If we just stay in that FEMA trailer, we'll go crazy," says Edward Thomas. He walks outside every afternoon and starts a campfire. It's become an important tradition in what remains of his neighborhood, at the corner of Herlihy and Olivari Street in Waveland. Residents gather there every afternoon to talk, share stories, and catch up on the day's events.

"It makes us feel good," says Thomas' sister. She's been coming to the campfire since early October. "It keeps us from getting depressed. We laugh together."

On any night the group may number from 20 to 50, discussing rebuilding efforts, neighborhood news, and those that stayed during the storm.

"I was glad I stayed until the water came," says Allen James, a 59 year old who ended up on his roof after the storm. "I had 15 members of my family with me up there for 4 hours."

The water was definitely worse than the wind."

"We've never had water like that," Thomas adds.

Another man drives up in a pickup truck and walks toward the fire. "Everybody who stayed wished they hadn't," says Leroy Hawkins, a resident who lost most of his home in the storm. "Nobody expected anything like this."

"It took us 9 hours to drive back from Lumberton," Thomas adds. "The highways were a wreck. We'd have to wait for them to clear each mile before we could drive it. It was a mess."

Thomas says he didn't expect the damage to be so severe when he returned. "I lost everything. It's the worst I've ever seen in my life."

"You didn't know what to do but cry," his sister adds. "It was sad, pitiful."

She says the storm has pulled her neighborhood closer.

"We're all kinfolk here, whether or not

we're related."

Residents say they don't tire of discussing the storm.

"There's not a whole lot else to talk about, and not a whole lot else to do," says Thomas. "It's just good to be home. We're here to stay."

Everyone around the campfire seems to have their own opinion of rebuilding efforts.

"Things will get better," says one woman.

"We'll never get back to like it used to be. It took 30 years after Camille," someone else adds.

"It's just going to take a while," says James.

Most residents here don't blame the government for their troubles.

"Considering how awful the storm was, I think the response was okay," says Thomas. "We had everything we needed."

When night falls, the devastation disappears. All that's left is the light of the campfire and smiling faces.

"The fire keeps us uplifted," says Thomas.

## Sheetrockers accused of theft

BY DWAYNE BREMER  
Contributing Writer

Leland Boudreaux Williams, 22 years old, and Zachary Verdet Williams, 21 years old, both of 507 Main street Bay St. Louis were arrested by the Bay St. Louis Police Department on Monday Jan. 18 for Grand Larceny.

The two brothers were employees of Lane's Drywall company, and they are accused of stealing guns from the house of a customer that they were hanging sheet rock for.

After work was complete on his house, the owner of 318 Victoria street Bay St. Louis, noticed that several items from his gun collection were missing. The man went to the Bay St. Louis Police department, and informed police of a description of the work-

ers that had last been in his house.

A short time later, Deputy Tim Airhart of the Hancock County Sheriff's department found the two subjects in a broken down car, a few miles from Port Bienville on Hwy. 90.

The subjects were taken to the Bay St. Louis Police station where investigators questioned them. After questioning by Investigators Tom Burleson and Investigator Joe Kepfer, the arrest of the Williams brothers was made.

Later in the evening,

some of the stolen guns were recovered. The Hancock County Sheriff's Department assisted in the recovery of the guns.

"We have been having problems with some workers in the area not finishing jobs," Burleson said. "When you hire someone, be careful. Try not to pay someone until all of the work is done, and always try to supervise your home."

The Williams brothers were taken to the Pearl River County Jail, and are being held on \$5,000 dollars bail.

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# 'Great trailer debate' rages in Waveland as people come home

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

For the second meeting in a row, Waveland aldermen and Mayor Tommy Longo heard passionate pleas to allow full-sized mobile homes into the city during the extended Katrina cleanup process.

"It's been four months now and we're all living in FEMA trailers," Linda Penrose told Aldermen Wednesday. "We're grateful to have them, but I think we're all craving a little comfort right now, a little room to wiggle our toes. ... I can't see why the city can't allow us a little comfort. We've been through enough."

"Believe it or not," Longo said, "we had a roomful of residents (at a previous meeting) who pleaded with us to do just the opposite" and deny allowing any mobile

homes in the city.

Longo said that "house trailers" were allowed into the city limits after Hurricane Camille, and the last of those "temporary" residences didn't move out until Katrina swept them away on Aug. 29.

"We're not trying to make life more difficult for people," Longo said. This is one situation where almost everybody in town is in the same boat."

Penrose said that if the aldermen were worried people wouldn't move the mobile homes after a set amount of time, they could set severe penalties for those which stayed in place.

Aldermen said all such requests should go through the planning and zoning board.

Longo said there are three trailer parks in Waveland already zoned for full-size mobile

homes, and pledged to try to help the Penroses locate in one of those facilities if something else couldn't be arranged.

Also on Wednesday, aldermen set Jan. 31 as the deadline for property owners to sign Right of Entry (ROE) forms to have the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers remove storm debris.

The deadline is necessary in order to facilitate having the Corps destroy those properties that have been condemned and still have the work be 100 percent refundable from FEMA, Longo said.

In other action Wednesday:

Aldermen asked for community volunteers to help KABOOM! and Motorola construct a new playground on Thursday, Feb. 9. The two groups are donating all the equipment and most of the labor.

Sgt. 1st Class Chiles of the Corps told aldermen that as of Wednesday, the Corps had removed 227,918 cubic yards of debris south of the tracks in Waveland.

Danny Simpson with R.W. Beck, one of the two private companies contracted to remove debris north of the tracks, said 328,000 cubic yards had been removed.

Longo said Feb. 26 is the last day to get a free building permit in Waveland. After that date, the fees go back to normal.

The board set Tuesday, Jan. 24, as a tentative date to sit down with the Bay St. Louis City Council and Mayor Eddie Favre to discuss "integrating resources of the two cities, interlocal agreements, and coordinating the comprehensive plans of the two cities."

## Final hearings on annexation set

BY DWAYNE BREMER  
Staff Writer

Post trial hearing on the Bay St. Louis annexation of the Hwy. 603 corridor will be held on Feb. 8, 2006 in New Agusta Ms, according to Bay St. Louis City Attorney Donald Rafferty.

Rafferty, who spoke on behalf of Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre at Tuesday's city council meeting, said that only one objection has been filed by citizens of the area. The deadline to file objections was Jan 19.

"We should have a much clearer picture of what is going to happen after the Feb. 8 hearing," Rafferty said.

In city business, the council awarded a bid of \$424,851.00 to Kevin Coleman Construction to renovate the city's lift stations. The fire department also announced a bid of \$18,648.00 dollars from Taylor Power Systems for a 100KW generator for the fire department.

Councilman Jeffrey Reed voiced concerns about the FEMA trailer park that is located next to Gulf South Urgent Care. Reed questioned a FEMA representative about security of the site, and some careless driv-

ing that Reed had been observing.

"I was in that area the other night, and there was some rough driving going on," Reed said. "People were cutting in and out, and speeding through the parking lot."

Reed was informed that there was 24-hour security at the site, but anything that takes place on the city roads should be handled by the police department.

The FEMA representative went on to say that 150 of the 168 trailers have been filled at the site. 63 are Stennis employees, 7 are Hancock Medical Employees, and 56 are Hancock County residents.

The council also heard complaints from Mark Schulingkamp about the city curfew. The city still enforces a curfew between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. Both Hancock County and Waveland lifted their curfews in December.

I just think it is a little bit of right infringement," Schulikamp said. "I cannot get a good wireless signal where I live in county, so I need to come to the city for work reasons."

"I have been stopped twice, and I got a ticket that is going to cost \$180. I was not doing anything wrong."

Councilman Jim Thriffiley said that the curfew was granted on request by the police chief, and as long as the police chief says there is a need, then no action will be taken on the curfew.

"We're not going to step over the mayor and police chief here," Thriffiley said. "We'll see what we can do, but there will be no vote tonight."

Schulikamp said that he has tried to contact the police chief as well as the mayor on numerous occasions, but has not had any return calls.

"It's been five months now, I feel like the police

are using the curfew to make their job easier. It just does not seem like America, when we are told we cannot be out at a certain time," Schulikamp said.

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# Opinion

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### We need some food!!!

I have a feeling many folks in South Mississippi are glad to learn that U.S. Sen. Trent Lott will seek re-election.

Sen. Lott has a lot of seniority and connections that are very important, as our southern Mississippi really needs help from our nation's leaders.

Both Sen. Lott and U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor lost their homes to Katrina, so they know first-hand of our many needs.

Rebuilding our Coast will take several years, and it's good to see businesses both new and old beginning to open more frequently.

One of the biggest needs in the Bay-Waveland area is a supermarket.

When your neighborhood goes from having three supermarkets to having none, it's a great loss.

Hopefully, some group is looking at the Bay-Waveland area to open a grocery store.

Every week, it seems our county receives a gift from some distant city.

Isn't it great to live

in America?

Places we never even knew existed have come to our rescue in some way.

Helping us who are their neighbors, sometimes from several thousand miles away.

It is a big help that word is finally getting out that Hancock County took one the worst of the beating from Katrina.

Every time Jane and I travel around the area, we just shake our heads about the destruction.

Through it all, however, everyone's spirits are high and their attitudes are great.

We're all together in this recovery effort, and with the help of so many new friends, we'll be better than ever.

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It's good to see the StennisSphere at NASA's Stennis Space Center re-opened on Thursday.

We have many visitors in our area, and all should, if possible, visit the StennisSphere.

The new schedule is Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Living life on a Rocky Road

### Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza

"Should take about three truck loads. I'll get number 4's and dump them as close as I can to the edge."

I looked behind Terry at his large dump truck. It holds nine tons and the loads he was talking about were large (brick-size) gravel hauled from the quarry about two miles from the farm. I mentally held the size of the truck's load in my mind's eye and looked again at the creek's south bank. Unfortunately, Terry was right, it would take that much.

The creek is located down the hill from the house, about 100 feet from the two-lane road that goes by our house to connect the main highway a half mile away to the ridge about three miles back. There was a stone quarry pit up there on the ridge once, but it's no longer in use.

Gravel is cheap around here. The twenty-seven tons of gravel Terry was

talking about will cost me less than three hundred dollars. We have fifteen acres of land and it is completely surrounded by a fence of large foot-ball-size stones piled about five feet high and eight feet wide, all taken from the fields from when the land was cleared for farming. Dig a foot down anywhere and you'll hit loose stone.

What Terry was talking about was to haul in gravel to buttress the undermined south side of our creek.

We've had a warm spell and the heavy rains and melting snow have made the ordinarily quiet flow of the twenty foot

wide creek into a strong torrent. Its flow through the restriction of our concrete bridge deflects the flow to one side and now we are faced with having to bolster that bank or have it collapse.

By noon, Terry has dumped the gravel as close to the edge as he could get. All three times, it seemed that the immense truck with its weight of gravel would fall down the steep bank into the cold deep creek water. "Don't want you and Stella to have to work to hard to move the rocks around." Years ago Terry went to the same eight-room school as Stella. Now he owns a bar on the highway a few

miles away that likes to cater to old Harley Davidson bikers.

Soon Stella and I were at the three rock piles throwing the rocks down and to the side to even the space between the three. It was hard, exhausting work. Gravity helped, in the sense that most of our throwing was down slope, still a brick-sized piece of gravel is a heavy piece of gravel. The possibility of slipping on the slope and falling into the deep cold creek didn't help any either. Because of her leg, Stella stayed close to the top of the piles and I had to gently caution her several times when her rocks came down too near me. For some reason, this seemed to make more rocks come my way and I gave up and learned to duck.

We got as much done as we could by late afternoon and went up to the

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## Letters to the Editor

### A High School Band's Katrina story and a plea for help

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Our lives will never be the same. But we are not giving up!!!

My high school band program lost 80, two year old band uniforms, the entire music library, new parade banner, BRAND NEW (with the plastic still on the instruments in the cases) Bach

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Marching Baritone, Yamaha Bare Sax, and Tenor Sax, 4 Holton French horns, a brand new Pearl Concert Snare drum, concert bass drum rolling stand, two Jarvis drum major stands and all of my personal instruments.

The school board had

JUST purchased these instruments for our program. We were all so proud. This is my twenty-sixth year to teach and I have never taught where the school board purchased new instruments. Our marching percussion, consisting of three snare drums, two

quints and five bass drums, have rusted and can no longer be tuned. Our cymbals are so molded I am not sure even how to clean them or should I even try?

We have no flags and no poles. Our two year old MegaVox system with accessories (which the kids fund raised to purchase) are gone. The kids want to perform in our local Mardi Gras parade and I realized I don't even have my Thunderer whistles or a megaphone. Everyday I

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## Views -- Rocky Road

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old farmhouse, showered and sat on the porch and looked down the hill at our handy work. We could have moved it about a little better, but it looked good. There was a promise of more rain that night and with it, more water pouring through the creek. From what we could see, it looked like we had stopped the erosion and even with the much heavier flooding come spring, there won't be any problems.

In February we are coming back to Mississippi to stay for awhile. FEMA has promised us a trailer. We've been trying to get one since September and now we are being told we

should get it any week now. We'll see.

When we go, we will look at our property and see what we have to do to clean it up so we can make plans. We are not sure we want the Corp to clean up for us. We have no timber debris. Most of our house ended up on the debris pile a quarter mile away at the railroad tracks. When the surge hit our house, the brick walls and the two fireplaces exploded and threw all the bricks to the rear of the house covering the back part of the slab and our driveway. If I remember correctly, there were more than twenty thousand old Chicago bricks used in

these walls and fireplaces. That's a lot of bricks.

In a way, this is good. Many of our small possessions were pinned down by this heavy rain of bricks. During our last trip down, Stella found a number of pieces of our flatware and dishes under the bricks and we now use them here at the farm. Most of my tools were electrical and most of what I found were ruined, but I did find a few usable pieces. We are sure there are more. Maybe not really worth much monetarily, but they represent a part of the way things were.

For the Corps to clean this up would mean dig-

ging into these mementos, crushing things that logically should be discarded, but at this moment in our spiritual recovery, are needed. We don't want this to happen, not yet.

As Stella and I sat on the porch and looked down through the fading light at the creek, I thought of moving all those rocks. It was work, but it made good practice for the tons of bricks that we would be moving in a few weeks time.

It will be good to come home again.

Paul E. La Violette  
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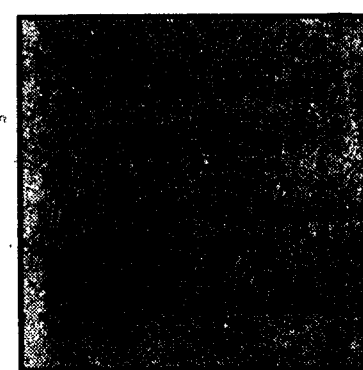
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## Cuevas' Quotes

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## We need some food!!!

I have a feeling many folks in South Mississippi are glad to learn that U.S. Sen. Trent Lott will seek reelection.

Sen. Lott has a lot of seniority and connections that are very important, as our southern Mississippi really needs help from our nation's leaders.

Both Sen. Lott and U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor lost their homes to Katrina, so they know first-hand of our many needs.

Rebuilding our Coast will take several years, and it's good to see businesses both new and old beginning to open more frequently.

One of the biggest needs in the Bay-Waveland area is a supermarket.

When your neighborhood goes from having three supermarkets to having none, it's a great loss.

Hopefully, some group is looking at the Bay-Waveland area to open a grocery store.

Every week, it seems our county receives a gift from some distant city.

Isn't it great to live

in America?

Places we never even knew existed have come to our rescue in some way.

Helping us who are their neighbors, sometimes from several thousand miles away.

It is a big help that word is finally getting out that Hancock County took one the worst of the beating from Katrina.

Every time Jane and I travel around the area, we just shake our heads about the destruction.

Through it all, however, everyone's spirits are high and their attitudes are great.

We're all together in this recovery effort, and with the help of so many new friends, we'll be better than ever.

It's good to see the StennisSphere at NASA's Stennis Space Center re-opened on Thursday.

We have many visitors in our area, and all should, if possible, visit the StennisSphere.

The new schedule is Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Living life on a Rocky Road

### Views from a Front Porch

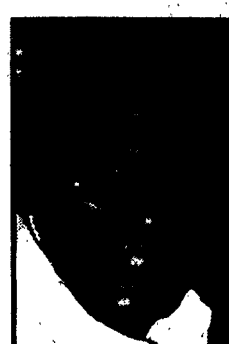
by Paul Estronza

"Should take about three truck loads. I'll get number 4's and dump them as close as I can to the edge."

I looked behind Terry at his large dump truck. It holds nine tons and the loads he was talking about were large (brick-size) gravel hauled from the quarry about two miles from the farm. I mentally held the size of the truck's load in my mind's eye and looked again at the creek's south bank. Unfortunately, Terry was right, it would take that much.

The creek is located down the hill from the house, about 100 feet from the two-lane road that goes by our house to connect the main highway a half mile away to the ridge about three miles back. There was a stone quarry pit up there on the ridge once, but it's no longer in use.

Gravel is cheap around here. The twenty-seven tons of gravel Terry was



talking about will cost me less than three hundred dollars. We have fifteen acres of land and it is completely surrounded by a fence of large football-size stones piled about five feet high and eight feet wide, all taken from the fields from when the land was cleared for farming. Dig a foot down anywhere and you'll hit loose stone.

What Terry was talking about was to haul in gravel to buttress the undermined south side of our creek.

We've had a warm spell and the heavy rains and melting snow have made the ordinarily quiet flow of the twenty foot

wide creek into a strong torrent. Its flow through the restriction of our concrete bridge deflects the flow to one side and now we are faced with having to bolster that bank or have it collapse.

By noon, Terry has dumped the gravel as close to the edge as he could get. All three times, it seemed that the immense truck with its weight of gravel would fall down the steep bank into the cold deep creek water. "Don't want you and Stella to have to work to hard to move the rocks around." Years ago Terry went to the same eight-room school as Stella. Now he owns a bar on the highway a few

miles away that likes to cater to old Harley Davidson bikers.

Soon Stella and I were at the three rock piles throwing the rocks down and to the side to even the space between the three. It was hard, exhausting work. Gravity helped, in the sense that most of our throwing was down slope, still a brick-sized piece of gravel is a heavy piece of gravel. The possibility of slipping on the slope and falling into the deep cold creek didn't help any either. Because of her leg, Stella stayed close to the top of the piles and I had to gently caution her several times when her rocks came down too near me. For some reason, this seemed to make more rocks come my way and I gave up and learned to duck.

We got as much done as we could by late afternoon and went up to the

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## Letters to the Editor

### A High School Band's Katrina story and a plea for help

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Our lives will never be the same. But we are not giving up!!!

My high school band program lost 80, two year old band uniforms, the entire music library, new parade banner, BRAND NEW (with the plastic still on the instruments in the cases) Bach

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The school board had

JUST purchased these instruments for our program. We were all so proud. This is my twenty-sixth year to teach and I have never taught where the school board purchased new instruments. Our marching percussion, consisting of three snare drums, two

quints and five bass drums, have rusted and can no longer be tuned. Our cymbals are so molded I am not sure even how to clean them or should I even try?

We have no flags and no poles. Our two year old MegaVox system with accessories (which the kids fund raised to purchase) are gone. The kids want to perform in our local Mardi Gras parade and I realized I don't even have my Thunderer whistles or a megaphone. Everyday I

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In February we are coming back to Mississippi to stay for awhile. FEMA has promised us a trailer. We've been trying to get one since September and now we are being told we

should get it any week now. We'll see.

When we go, we will look at our property and see what we have to do to clean it up so we can make plans. We are not sure we want the Corp to clean up for us. We have no timber debris. Most of our house ended up on the debris pile a quarter mile away at the railroad tracks. When the surge hit our house, the brick walls and the two fireplaces exploded and threw all the bricks to the rear of the house covering the back part of the slab and our driveway. If I remember correctly, there were more than twenty thousand old Chicago bricks used in

these walls and fireplaces. That's a lot of bricks.

In a way, this is good. Many of our small possessions were pinned down by this heavy rain of bricks. During our last trip down, Stella found a number of pieces of our flatware and dishes under the bricks and we now use them here at the farm. Most of my tools were electrical and most of what I found were ruined, but I did find a few usable pieces. We are sure there are more. Maybe not really worth much monetarily, but they represent a part of the way things were.

For the Corps to clean this up would mean dig-

ging into these mementos, crushing things that logically should be discarded, but at this moment in our spiritual recovery, are needed. We don't want this to happen, not yet.

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damage to their homes to receive a grant for flood damage not covered by insurance, up to \$150,000 dollars of damage. Residents must have owned and lived in their homes at the time of the storm, and they must have lived in areas that were not required to have flood insurance.

Congressman Gene Taylor was instrumental in securing the funds for the state, but Taylor is now concerned that the funds may not get into the hands of victims because of one key clause that was put into effect by someone in the governor's office.

"The governor's office is in charge of making the rules, and someone in the governor's office decided that in order for a person to be eligible for the grants then they must have at least 51 percent damage to their property," Taylor said. "This is not what was in our agreement in Washington, I was under the impression that the money was suppose to be tied in with damages that were not covered by insurances. Most homes that were outside the flood plane were not completely destroyed, but there was still a lot of damage. If someone had 10, 20, or 30 percent damage that could be thousands and thousands of dollars. To someone on a fixed income, \$50,000 dollars is an awful lot of money."

Taylor appeared at the Hancock County Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday to urge the board to pass a resolution ask the governor's office to allow the grants on a damage basis.

"If we get the governing bodies from around the coast to all ask the governor's office to change this, then it will probably happen," Taylor said.

On Tuesday evening, Bay St. Louis councilman Jim Thriffley voiced similar concerns, and asked the Bay St. Louis City Council to act on a

Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder  
Congressman Gene Taylor discusses the Katrina Relief bill during the Hancock Chamber's annual membership meeting on Friday at Diamondhead.

similar motion.

"We would like to see the governor's office relax the damage number as well as the income number," Thriffley said.

Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo said that while concerns are justified, he received personal reassurance that the 51 percent number was just a preliminary number.

"The FEMA number for damage that would require someone to have to raise their elevation is 50 percent plus one dollar," Longo said. "If they used this number then yes, a lot of people would be left out. I spoke

with the governor and President Bush last week, and they both are aware of this. That number was not in stone, I think it was just used as a guide, and that it should be a lot lower. My guess is that it may be somewhere 20 and 35 percent."

Applications for the CDBG grants should be available to the the public by the beginning of next month. Public notice will be given about the time and place where the CDBG application will be given out.

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# Band Aid



Two Hancock County schools, Bay High and Hancock High, received much-needed musical instruments when Dr. Gary Adam, associate director of bands at the University of Illinois, delivered band instruments donated by the University of Illinois. Peter Griffin, assistant director of bands at the University of Illinois, first learned about the need for band instruments several months ago from a high school teacher in Mississippi. He then asked the student chapter of the National Band Association to help sponsor an instrument drive. The chapter ended up with 101 instruments, as well as items such as mouthpieces, music stands, cases and method books used by beginning band students. Two University of Illinois music students personally delivered the truckload of musical instruments to the University of Southern Mississippi earlier this week. Hancock High band director Anthony McWright said that he was thrilled when his longtime friend Gary Adam called to say band instruments were on the way. "Our middle school music program lost numerous instruments as a result of flooding from Hurricane Katrina," McWright said. "On behalf of the Hancock County School District, band students and the community, I would like to thank the student chapter of the National Band Association, the University of Illinois and Southern Miss for coming to our aid." While Hancock High in Kiln accepted 36 of the instruments Wednesday, neighboring Bay High in Bay St. Louis was delighted to receive the remainder of the musical instruments Thursday, including flutes, clarinets, horns, drums, trombones and similar items to help its band program recover from the storm. Dr. Adam, a graduate of Bay High, said he was thankful Southern Miss could coordinate the delivery of the instruments to help his fellow band directors get their music programs back on their feet.

## Gaits to Success therapeutic riding center needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Gaits to Success Therapeutic Horsemanship Center to resume working with physically and mentally impaired children. The center, home to seven specially trained therapy horses, is located in Kiln and has been improving the lives of children along the Gulf Coast since 1991. The therapeutic horse-assisted activities are designed to improve muscle tone, balance, posture, coordination, motor develop-

ment and emotional well-being of children with a variety of disabilities. Certified instructors individualize the program to accommodate the needs of each student.

Volunteers are a vital part of the Gaits to Success program and perform important duties with the children and horses. Two or three volunteers are needed for each student rider to assure that a safe, productive riding session is received. Familiarity with horses is helpful but

not essential. Training is provided by certified personnel.

Volunteering at Gaits can help fulfill that New Year's Resolution about getting more exercise. And you can make a significant difference in the lives of these individuals by your gift of time. If you are interested in donating a couple hours each week to help the special children who come to Gaits, please contact Gaits to Success Director, Carolyn Rhodes at 228-255-5368.

## SBA disaster bridge loans

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As of January 17, 2006, the Disaster Bridge Loan Program in Hancock County approved an additional seven (7) loans, bringing the total loans made in our County to 187, totaling \$4,486,000 and benefiting 838 jobs in the County.

The variety of small businesses approved this week included a motel, laundry, construction company, realty company, carwash, car lot and security company.

The deadline for applying for loans under this program in Hancock County is January 31, 2006.

To be eligible for this program, a business must have been operational in Hancock County at least one year prior to Hurricane Katrina, employ a minimum of

two employees, have filed a FEMA application, and demonstrate the ability to repay the loan. Loans are made up to a limit of \$25,000, and bear no interest for up to 180 days. Applications and assistance with com-

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## Engagements

### Nowell, Boston to wed on April 22

Mr and Mrs. Sam Nowell of Philadelphia announce the engagement of their daughter, Meredith Celeste Nowell of Ridgeland to Christopher David Boston of Ridgeland. He is the son of Mr and Mrs. Mark Boston of Kiln.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr and Mrs. J D Jackson and Mrs. Wilma Nowell and the late Mr Ishmael Nowell. She graduated from Philadelphia High School. She is also a graduate of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and is currently employed as a registered nurse in the emergency department at Baptist Hospital.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr and Mrs. M D Boston and the late Mr and Mrs. Phillip



Meredith Celeste Nowell and Christopher David Boston

Carroll.

He graduated from Bay High School and then went on to graduate from Louisiana State

University. He is currently in his third year of residency for Family Medicine and plans to go on to do a Sports

Medicine Fellowship.

The wedding is planned for April 22, 2006 in Philadelphia.



The Gulf Coast Orchid Society will hold its 26th annual "Orchid Show and Orchid Plant Sale" at Singing River Mall on Friday, January 27th.

### Coast Orchid Society show and plant sale begins Jan. 27

The Gulf Coast Orchid Society will hold its 26th annual "Orchid Show and Orchid Plant Sale" at Singing River Mall on Friday, January 27th, from Noon till 9 PM, Saturday January 28 from 9 AM till 9 PM, and Sunday January 29 from Noon till 5:30 PM. There will be no admission charged.

Orchid plants and supplies will be sold by commercial growers from all areas of the southeast. As always, there will be beautiful orchid's exhibits in garden settings with an endless variety of orchid blooms in every color you can imagine. The

exhibits are constructed by the commercial dealers and also, orchid societies who come from Mississippi and other states to enhance our show.

The Gulf Coast Orchid Society was organized in 1979. Now have about 70 members and meet at

Biloxi Regional Medical Center in the conference room on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:30, with a new growers meeting starting at 1:30. Many of the members are just learning about orchids and others who are experienced growers are there to help them.

## Births

### Cage Atlin Lowery

James Cary and Tanis Lowery of Kiln announce the birth of their second child, Cage Atlin. He was born December, 8 2005 at 12:28 pm at Northshore Regional Medical Center, Slidell.

He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Donald Breland and the late Ruth Anne Mitchell Breland of Pearlinton, MS.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Myrtle Lowery of Columbia, MS.

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# Sports

## Long Beach holds off Tigers 70-65; SSC places second in powerlifting

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II  
Staff Writer

The Long Beach Bearcats (14-5, 6-1) held off a hard-charging group of Bay High Tigers (7-9, 3-4) on Tuesday, January 17th in Long Beach 70-65.

The Tigers were down by as much as 16 points in the fourth period before Bay High roared back to tie the score at 63-63 with 1:19 left in the game.

Bay High head coach Will Seymour stated, "The players gave everything they had tonight. We fell a little short in rebounding and free throws but they played very hard and that was evidenced by their comeback in the fourth period. We ran out of gas at the end of the game. It has been tough on these kids having to play all their games on the road but they have played very hard."

The Tigers were down 21-14 after the first period that was punctuated by Owen McNally's thunderous dunk with 41 seconds left in the period.

The Tigers went into the break down 33-24. Down 56-40 in the fourth period, the Tigers mounted a furious come-

back that resulted in the Tigers tying the game at 63-63 with less than 1:20 remaining.

Down the stretch, Bay High missed six free throws that allowed Long Beach to retain their slim lead.

Long Beach head coach Boo Hardy commented, "Will Seymour is doing a tremendous job with Bay High this season. We need to learn how to manage the clock better in situations like this."

Brent Robinson paced the Tigers with 16 points followed by Destin Johnson with 15 points and Jason Sims had 12 points. Greg Gardner led Long Beach with 28 points, 15 rebounds and eight blocked shots. Owen McNally added 19 points and 19 rebounds in the win.

In the girls game, the Lady Bearcats (14-5, 5-2) defeated the Bay High Tigers (3-14, 2-4) 74-44. Susan Griffioen recorded her fifth triple-double of the season with 25 points, 14 rebounds and 11 blocks. Bay High was led by Whitney Favre with 11 points.

In other Tuesday night basketball action, the

Picayune Maroon Tide narrowly escaped with a 54-48 win against the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws. The Tide (16-2, 6-0) was led by Randy Perkins with 18 points. Mike Rice paced SSC (4-5, 1-2) with 16 points and Brandon Butler had 15 points.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws recently held a powerlifting meet at their new Blaize Fitness Center. Gulfport won the meet with 48 points followed by SSC, Harrison Central, D'Iberville and Vancleave.

The Rocks had three lifters win their weight division. Chris Tran, the only state medalist and champion in SSC history, won the 123-lb class with a total lift of 865 pounds.

Justin Felter claimed the 132-lb class with a total lift of 825 pounds. Caleb McQueen won the 275-lb class with a total lift of 1,455 pounds. McQueen's squat lift of 600 pounds was the best of the day while Buddy Schultz of SSC was second in the lift with 510 pounds.

McQueen also had the best bench press and deadlift of the day with

lifts of 335 pounds and 520 pounds, respectively.

SSC's Matt Matranga placed second in the 308-lb class and posted a deadlift of 500 pounds.

The regional competition will be held at SSC on February 11th with a time to be announced.

Hoops Fest 2006 will be held at Gulfport High School in the Bert Jenkins Gymnasium on Saturday, January 21st beginning with high school action at 11am. The Pass Christian Pirates will tangle with the Vancleave Bulldogs at 11am followed by the St. Stanislaus/Ocean Springs matchup at 12:30pm. The Hancock Lady Hawks will meet the Picayune Lady Maroon Tide at 3:30pm in a third matchup of the season between the two teams.

Hoops Fest 2006 is being held at Gulfport due to the damage at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum from Hurricane Katrina. The coliseum is the normal site for Hoops Fest. Scoring details of the games will be provided in Wednesday's edition of the Sea Coast Echo.

## Pearl River splits with Hinds; Lady Cats snap 10-game losing streak with 68-52 win

SEA COAST ECHO

Pearl River's Lady Wildcats snapped a 10-game losing streak here Monday, handing the Hinds Lady Bulldogs a lopsided 68-52 loss for their first MACJC South Division victory of the 2005-2006 season.

The Wildcats, on the other hand, picked up their first division loss of the year via 77-68 decision to fall to 8-6 overall and 2-1 in league play, while Hinds' men improved to 3-10 and 1-2. PRCC's women improved to 2-12 and 1-2, while HCC dropped to 2-11 and 0-3.

In women's action, the Lady Bulldogs led briefly in the opening minutes, but Dee Robertson of North Forrest hit two of her 11 points on the night four minutes in to put PRCC up 4-3 and the Lady Wildcats never looked back.

Robertson's bucket kicked off a 26-11 run for Pearl River to build its lead to 16 points heading into the final minute of play of the opening half. Donmonique Thomas sank a pair of foul shots with 41 seconds left to make it 30-16 at the half.

PRCC built its lead to 19 points — its largest of the game — via an 11-8

scoring surge to open the second half with LaTerrica Booth of Bassfield accounting for seven points in the run.

The Lady Wildcats last won Nov. 10 with a 58-52 non-division victory over Itawamba in Fulton.

Kim Ward paced Hinds with 12 points, while Thomas added 11 (eight rebounds, four steals, one trey), Debra Brown (one trey) and Michelle Gaines, eight each; Jessica Stalling and Chikla Wright (one trey), four each; Lawonica Thomas three, and Patricia Fultz two.

Booth led PRCC with a game-high 14 points and hauled in seven boards, grabbed four steals, blocked four shots, and sank a three pointer; while Robertson was close behind with 11 and a team-high eight rebounds. Calla Daggins (three blocks, five rebounds) of Mereaux, La., and Ziena Husband

of Petal added nine each; while Brittany Blackston of Hattiesburg High scored eight (seven rebounds), Tanesha Stokes of East Marion seven (five rebounds), Angela Miller of Pembroke, Ga., six; and Ashley Jones of Florence four.

Hinds hit 61.1 percent (11 of 18) from the foul line, while PRCC hit 50 percent (13 of 26).

From the field, Hinds was 19 of 63 (30.2 percent), including a three-for-21 (14.3 percent) effort from three-point range; while PRCC was 27 of 52 (51.9 percent) and hit one of two three-point attempts.

The Lady Wildcats out-rebounded the Lady Bulldogs 44-33.

In men's action, the Wildcats never led in the contest, managing a meager three points in the first five minutes of the game. PRCC never recovered.

Pearl River returns to action to division action Thursday when it travels to Southwest Mississippi in Summit (women 6 p.m., men 8 p.m.).

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## Supers unhappy with bridge plan

BY DWAYNE BREMER  
Staff Writer

Construction of the Ceaser-Necaise bridge over Catahoula creek, has been an ongoing saga for the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. The bridge construction was awarded to Glynn Leonard Inc. from Mount Olive Ms. in Dec 2004. The project was scheduled to be completed in Sep. 05, however, construction of bridge has been stopped by the company. On Jan. 16 the Board of Supervisors endorsed a letter that told the company to complete the job, or face a hearing with the Bonding Company to ensure completion.

The debate reached a climax on Wednesday morning when Board President Rocky Pullman asked a member of Leonard Inc. "Is there a crew working on that bridge this morning?" When the answer was returned "no", Pullman said, "Well as far as I'm concerned, You are terminated!" Pullman said you were behind

on the project when the storm hit. We will be willing to sit down and talk about this, but now is not the time."

Roy Parkinson, of Glynn Leonard Inc. said, "We would have completed the job on time, we were not behind."

In the letter that was sent to Glynn Leonard Inc. the board states that extra time has been granted because of the storm, as well as costs associated with repair damage caused by the storm, but the Board found no justification for a price increase to the original contracted price of limestone.

"The bottom line, is they are no getting any more of our money," Pullman said. "I am just tired of the whole issue."

County Engineer Geoffrey Clemens said that about 75 percent of the job has been completed, and that the bridge itself has been built.

"The main area of work left is on the approaches to the bridge," Clemens said. "Hopefully something

can still be worked out here, but I know that Rocky wants the job to be completed right away."

The board voted 5-0 to pass Pullman's motion.

Earlier in the meeting, Congressman Gene Taylor told the board that plans are in effect for a possible Ferry system for residents wanting to cross the Bay to Henderson Point.

"It use to take four minutes to cross the Bay, and now it takes 45 minutes," Taylor said.

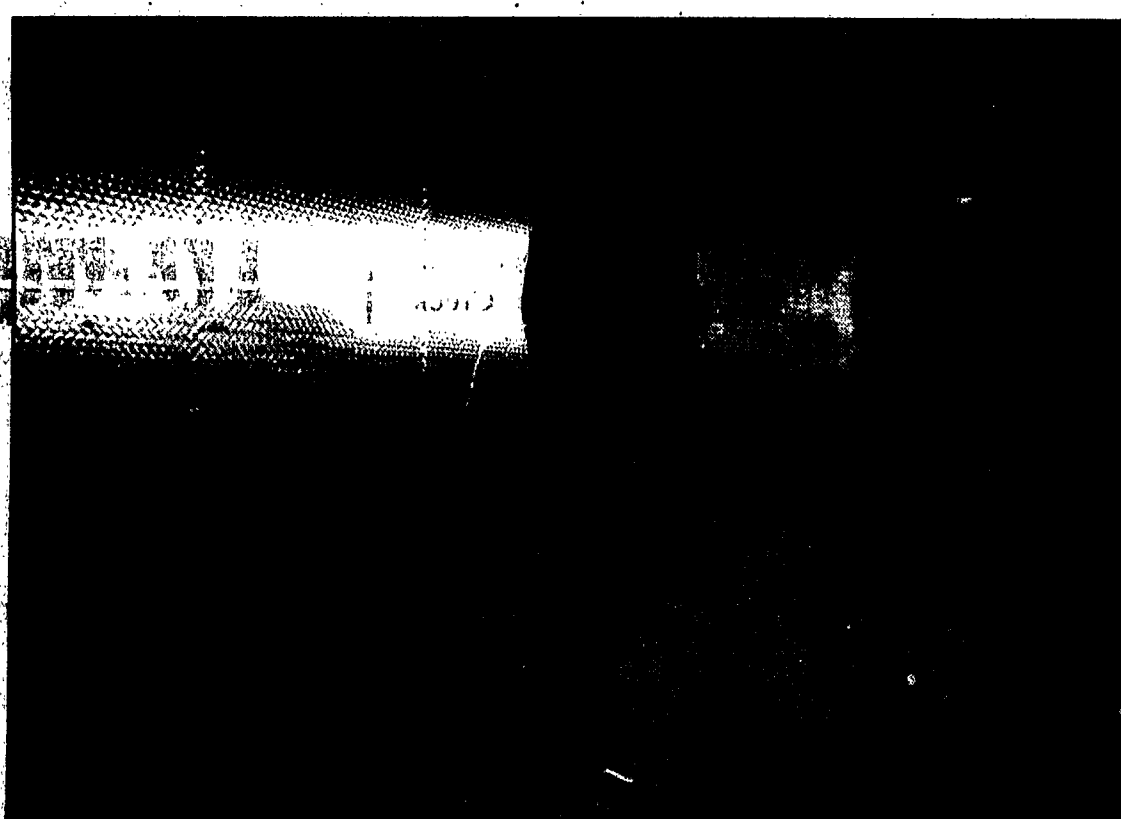
Taylor believes that a Ferry can be launched from Washington street, and come in at the Baptist Center in Henderson Point. Taylor said that he and Buzz Olsen from the City of Bay St. Louis have been in contact with all parties involved, and that it is possible that a Ferry may be operational sometime in the near future.

The Board then took bids on new county equipment. Most of the equipment is for the Road Departments.

## Edwards completes firefighting course

From October 24 through December 9, 2005, Keith E. Edwards of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department was among twenty-two fire fighters that completed six weeks of intense firefighting instruction. The course was attended by fire fighters and was designed to meet the uniform minimum training standards stated in the Mississippi Code section 83-1-37. The course also meets or exceeds the training standards set by the National Fire Protection Association for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications.

Additional instruction was presented on Hazardous Materials for First Responders and the incident Command System. Each of the students have returned to their department with an



Bay St. Louis Fire Department fireman Keith E. Edwards.

understanding of equipment found on fire apparatus, how the equipment functions and are able to test the safety of such items as hose and ladders.

The Mississippi Fire

Academy is a division of the State Insurance Department. Commissioner George Dale and Academy Executive Director Terry Ishee agree that these career fire fighters

through their newly acquired skills and knowledge will be an asset to the fire departments they represent in implementing fire protection for their community.

## Obituaries

### GARY MELBOURNE

Gary Leon Melbourne, 51 of Bay St. Louis, MS, died on Saturday, January 14, 2005 in Jackson, TN. He was born in New Orleans, LA and has lived in Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 25 years. He was of the Baptist Faith. Gary enjoyed fellowship with friends at the Lakeshore VFW and was the type of

man that never met a stranger. He is preceded in death by his mother, Jimmie Nell Dillard Melbourne.

He is survived by his son, Derek Melbourne of Alabama; father, Thomas Patrick Melbourne of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 brothers, Thomas Albert Melbourne of Bay St. Louis, MS, Ronald Melbourne & wife

Angela of Greenwood, LA; and 4 sisters, Cynthia Danos & Richard Mayne of Bay St. Louis, MS; Patricia Ladner & husband Tommy of Lakeshore, MS, Tammy Luxich & husband Glenn of Lakeshore, MS, and Diane Ladner & husband Larry of Lakeshore, MS. He is also survived by numerous nieces &

nephews. Visitation was held on Friday, January 20, 2006 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS with the service at 1:00 pm. Interment followed in Rotten Bayou Cemetery in Kiln, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS was in charge of the arrangements.

## Diamondhead Church Super Bowl Party

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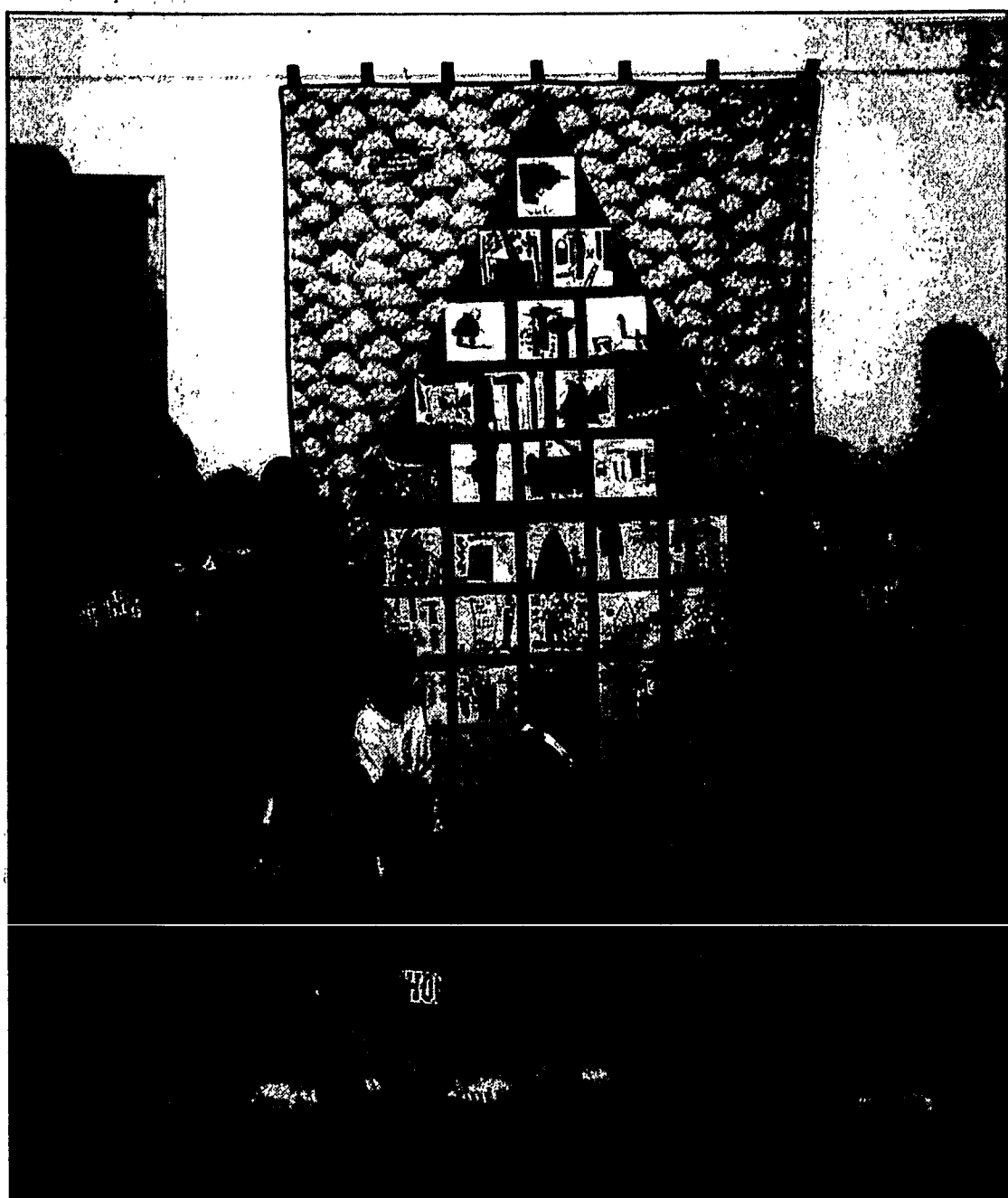
Even though the doors to the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center are not open, staff members are presenting "Expressions," a series of visual and performing arts programs, in Harrison and Hancock counties schools through May.

The participating schools are Beauvoir in Biloxi; St. Thomas/St. Paul in Long Beach; Anniston, Pass Road and Gaston Point in Gulfport and North Bay and Second Street in Bay St. Louis.

"Collaborating with the schools to define their needs," says Mary Cordray, Program Coordinator for the Discovery Center, "and to match museum talents and resources is the primary focus of our outreach project."

Katrina Story Quilts is the initial program that invites children to explore and share their ideas and stories about their "new" world. Themes for the quilts are What Katrina Couldn't Take Away, Rebuilding Our Town, New Beginnings, Wishes for 2006, South MS postcards.

Working in small groups with a museum staff member, students create art work for the quilt. The art work is scanned and printed on fabric and sewn into a quilt. Completed story quilts are initially displayed at each participating school and then will travel to other area schools and venues. The St. Thomas/St. Paul and Beauvoir quilts will be the first on display accompanied by an illustrated story book composed of the children's art work and stories.



First graders in St. Thomas/St. Paul school created art work for a Katrina Story Quilt, a program presented by the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center. The theme for the quilt is Rebuilding our Town. Back right is Mary Cordray, Discovery Center Education Coordinator, back left is Peggy Guyton, Discovery Center volunteer who sewed the quilt with the children's art work.

Additional visual arts programs include a variety of activities such as celebrating the Chinese New Year with animal masks, Chinese folk tales and traditional music; and presenting children's literature and art activities that complement the school's Character Education curriculum.

Several performing arts programs will be offered in the form of two spring touring shows, dance and movement activities, puppet shows and theatre workshops. Children in the Gulfport schools will be the audience for two per-

forming arts productions, each with twenty-five cast & crew members. The performances are scheduled February through April. Dance and movement will be utilized to stage and choreograph a 4th grade environmental show in one of the schools. The theatre workshops will incorporate writing and acting.

The Discovery Center's drama and art programs offer experiences that are students would never have," says Debra Sanford, Pass Rd. Elementary counselor in Gulfport, "and they pro-

vide an outlet for every child to receive attention."

Outreach programs are partially funded by grants from MS Humanities Council and The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson.

On May 6, the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center will reopen with its annual Creek Bluegrass Festival. The Discovery Center will also offer a variety of summer camps.

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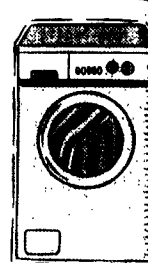
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## Kiln student earns honors

Cole Larsen, a senior boarding student at McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has received honors for his classroom performance during the first semester of the 2005-06 school year.

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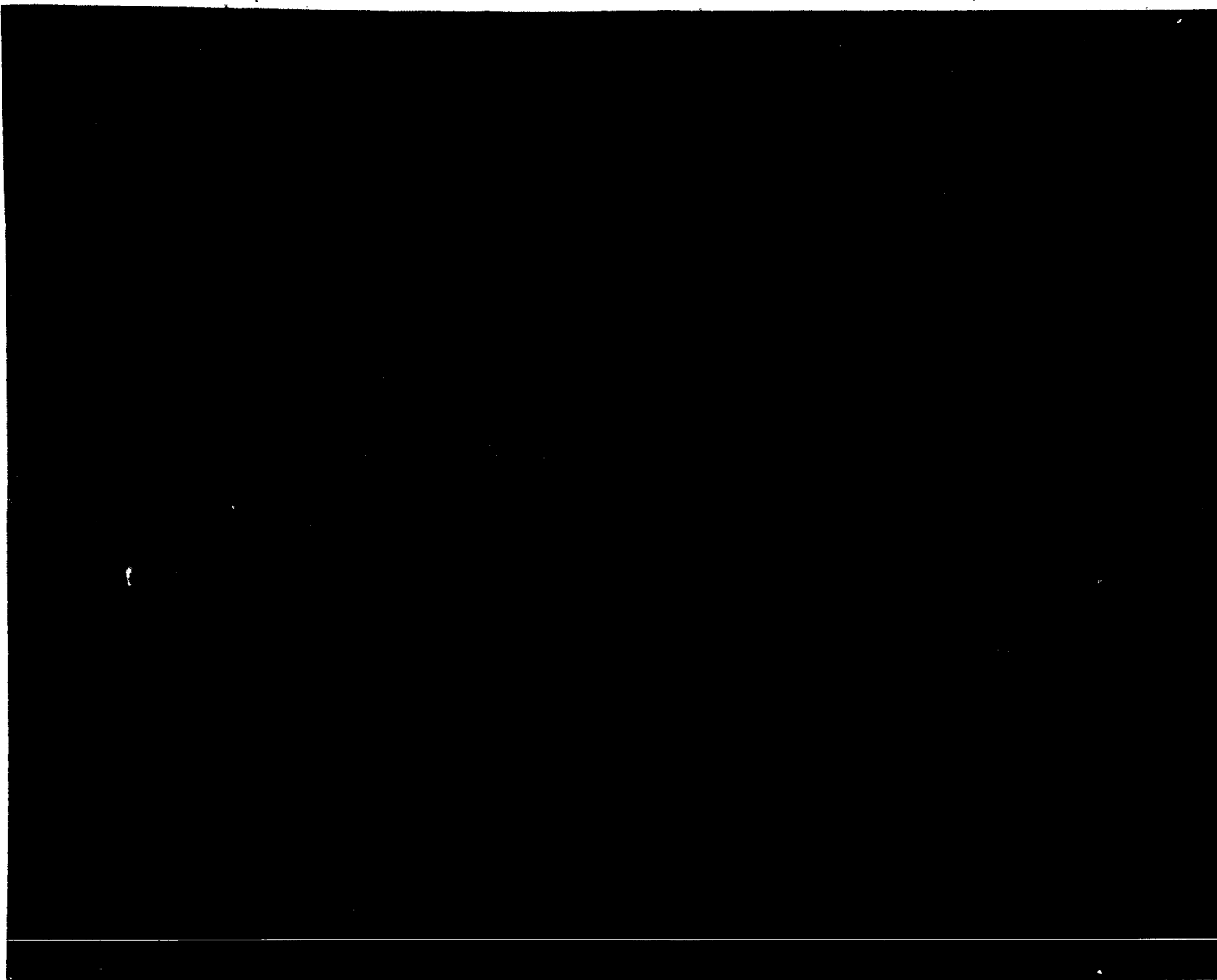
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## Debris

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do not even get a chance for lunch. "We hardly ever eat," said James Ferreira. "We were given MRE's." Most crews work 10 hours a day, seven days a week.

When most debris workers first arrived in the Bay St. Louis area, they were assigned to clearing streets and things in yards left by former homeowners. "That went fast," Ferreira said. "We had five trucks, and two guys loading."

Very strict guidelines are in place for all debris removers. One rule is that before the crews can come in and begin work, the Federal Emergency Management Agency must come in and assess all damage. Then FEMA attempts to award contracts to local people who have not been severely affected by Katrina. Ferreira said Contracts are then awarded to in-state companies, followed by out-of state contractors. According to Ferreira, if the rules did not exist most crews would leave the harder jobs last and go the easier ones.

Once a crew reaches a site, they are supposed to clear it. That means that nothing can be left, especially in the trees. "We can't go to another route of entry, or ROE, until everything is done," Ferreira said. Among other rules, the crew can only remove trees marked by the landowner.

Once the debris is piled, it is loaded onto the trucks and driven to the dumps.

Ferreira, who is from Florida, sympathizes with those affected by Katrina. "I went through Hurricane Charlie and my house was wrecked," Ferreira said. "When I heard about how bad Katrina was going to be, I arrived the day after the storm to help."

Although constantly on the job, Ferreira has experienced great southern hospitality. "People here are really friendly," he said. "Southern people are more hospitable." His co-worker Freddy Ladner agrees, "I have had no trouble with anyone. 'I have only run across a few people who get mad for me blocking them,'" Ferreira said. "When we first came by people would cheer and clap."

Ferreira really enjoys his work. To him it provides a sense of adventure with something new each day. However there are some negatives. "I am away from my family, and I don't miss not having any hot water for showers," Ferreira said.

Having been through a similar experience has him determined to help out as much as possible. "I just bought a house two weeks before Katrina and have not moved in yet," he said. "When I saw how bad it was going to be, I came to work."



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